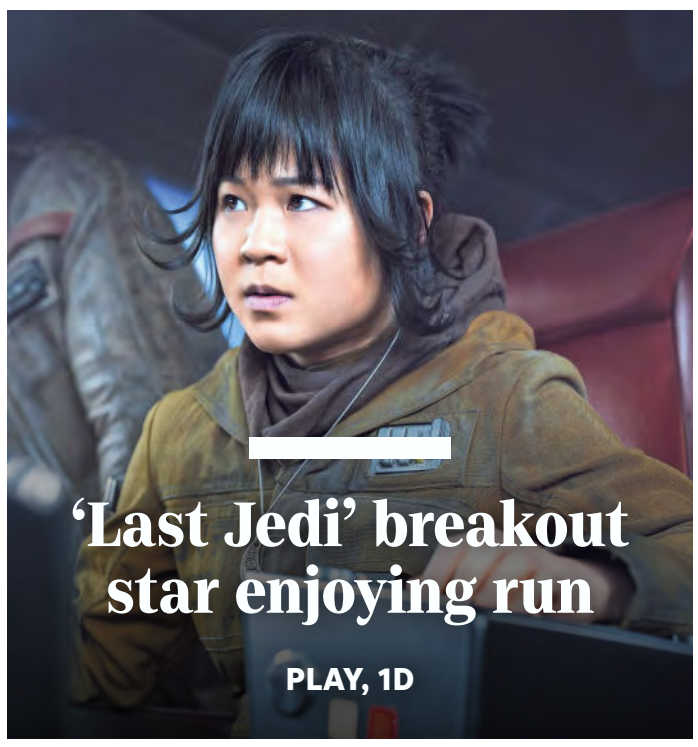

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LOCALES GRAPPLE WITH HOW MUCH TO ALLOW

Cities blow hot, cold to marijuana

Kathleen Gray and Kristi Tanner
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When Harrison Township votes on its medical marijuana ordinance next month, there is expected to be little opposition to the plan to allow a couple of dozen cannabis businesses into the Macomb County community.

“At last check, we had 18 legitimate grow operations in the community. At a minimum, if there is an existing business, why would we tell the owner, ‘You have to evict your tenant?’ ” said township Supervisor Ken Verkest. “This is a great source of revenue for us. Whether you like it or not, it’s coming. Isn’t it better to eliminate these black market, cash-only guys?”

It’s a different story in Oakland County’s Oakland Township, where township Supervisor Dale Stuart says medical marijuana businesses will never be welcome.

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New DTW bus service to launch on Monday

Connects Detroit suburbs to Metro Airport, downtown

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A new high-frequency, limited-stop bus service unveiled Wednesday will for the first time provide a direct connection to the Detroit Metropolitan Airport and also will connect Detroit’s suburbs to its downtown, the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation said in a news release.

SMART’s new FAST buses debuted today at the Troy Terminal and will launch on Monday, according to the statement. The name stands for Frequent Affordable Safe Transit.

The FAST Michigan route will provide direct service to the McNamara and North terminals at the airport; FAST Woodward serves Pontiac and Troy, four hospitals, the Detroit Zoo, Midtown and Downtown; and FAST Gratiot provides service to 23 Mile, Mt. Clemens, Macomb Mall, Midtown, Eastern Market and Downtown, according to the news release.

“The new FAST service will make the commute from the suburbs to downtown Detroit quicker and more convenient for riders,” SMART General Manager John C. Hertel said in the statement. “By creating a limited-stop route, we are able to streamline the service and provide better commuting options to help connect people to work, school, medical facilities, shopping and the growing entertainment district that downtown Detroit has to offer.”

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Those qualities — value, innovation, design, technology, safety, capability and efficiency — define the 2018 Detroit Free Press Car, Truck and Utility vehicle of the year.

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